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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 2/27/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 4-7 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim 3. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 4-7 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oksala, U.S. Patent No. 6,477,151.

Regarding Claim 1, Oksala discloses a method for controlling packet data transmissions in a TDMA communications system wherein transmitters and receivers share channel resources dynamically for uplink and downlink operating periods and where allocations of measurement and recovery periods between uplink and downlink periods and between downlink and uplink periods are prescribed characterised by re-allocation of measurement periods to increase the availability of uplink resources when uplink resources are otherwise constrained by prescribed allocations of measurement periods (Col. 3, lines 59-67 and Col. 4, line 43-Col. 5, line 9).

Regarding Claim 2, Oksala discloses where the time division for access is by consecutive frames of eight slots (Col. 4, lines 38-41).

Regarding Claim 3, Oksala discloses in which the communications system is a General Packet Radio System (Col. 4, lines 38-41).

Regarding Claim 8, Oksala discloses a mobile station operating extended dynamic allocation within a GPRS system and in which on receipt of an allocation of N packet data channels computes a value $N+T_{sub.ra}+3$ and uses the measurement and recovery period $T_{sub.ra}$ for values not greater than 8 or the measurement and recovery period T_{ta} for values greater than 8 (**Oksala discloses the overall concept of dynamic resource allocation where specific time slots are allocated for downlink and uplink communications on a given channel by means of the timing advance value and timing advance index allocated to the mobile station; Col. 6, line 46-Col. 7, line 10).**


Regarding Claim 9, Oksala discloses a base station operating with a mobile station in a GPRS system wherein base station allocation of a number N of packet data channels depends upon fulfilment of the conditions $N+T_{sub.ra}+3>8$ and $N+T_{sub.rb}+3\leq 8$ in respect of the mobile station, where T_{rb} is the time needed for the mobile station to get ready to receive (**Oksala discloses the overall concept of dynamic resource allocation where specific time slots are allocated for downlink and uplink communications on a given channel by means of the timing advance value and timing advance index allocated to the mobile station; Col. 6, line 46-Col. 7, line 10).**

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shantell Portis whose telephone number is 571-272-0886. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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